(c) the status of the new Company Law Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The Company Law Board has been constituted by the Central Government with effect from 31-5-1991.

(b) An independent Company Law Board was constituted on the recommendations of High-power Committee (Sachar Committee) to provide an in-built system to combine application of judicial mind with speed and administrative efficiency.

(c) The Board is an independent authority to exercise judicial and quasi-judicial functions conferred on it by the Companies Act, 1956 and its orders are appealable to High Court on questions of law.

Seizure of gold at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi

4230. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether gold worth Rs. 40 lakh was found on a plane and seized by customs authorities recently at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi as reported in the "Times of India" dated June 28, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the seizure made; and

(c) further action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) On 26-6-1991, the Customs Officers of Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi rummaged an aircraft of Air India which had arrived from Tokyo via Bangkok and recovered and seized contraband gold of foreign origin weighing 10·850 kgs. worth Rs. 41·12 lakhs approximately. The seized gold was concealed in a wall panel of the aircraft. A show cause notice has since been issued.

[Translation]

Loans given by Banks in Uttar Pradesh

4231. SHRI KESRI LAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued directives to the nationalised banks to sanction loans to the rural artisans, agricultural workers and small farmers:

(b) if so, the amount of loans sanctioned to them in Uttar Pradesh during the current year, district-wise;

(c) the percentage of loan sanctioned this year vis-a-vis the loan sanctioned during the last three years;

(d) whether the nationalised banks have achieved the target fixed for sanctioning such loans;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this ragard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Nationalised Banks sanction loans to rural artisans, agricultural workers and small farmers under their normal schemes on an ongoing basis and also under Government sponsored programmes like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP).

(b) to (f) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that its data reporting system does not yield information on advances to the above categories of borrowers separately, but they are included in the three broad categories viz. advances to agriculture, small scale industries and the services sector. Even the targets for the categories of artisans, agricultural labours and small farmers are not fixed separately under Annual Credit Plans (ACP) prepared for the districts. However, the progress made by all institutions in achieving the targets of the three broad categories under ACP in Uttar Pradesh during the years 1988, 1989-90, 1990-91 are furnished below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Sector	1988		1989-90		1990-91 (upto 31-12-90)	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1. Agriculture	852.74	862.52	1179.09	1030.16	1363.36	726.41
2. SSI	220.56	242.66	255.04	240.26	289.51	161.72
3. Services	239.75	282.73	272.75	259.00	30.52	161.52
TOTAL	1313.05	1387.91	1706.88	1529.42	1683.39	1049.65

Achievements of Trade Development Authority

4232. SHRI KESRI LAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trade Development Authority has achieved the objectives for which it was set up;

(b) if so, the details of its main achievements; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make it financially and commercially viable?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) TDA in line with its objectives has been playing the role of a catalyst in promotion of exports particularly from the small scale sector who constitute over 60% of its membership. It has evolved a number of techniques for promotion of thrust products to select markets such as, India Promotions with leading Department Stores abroad, Buyer Seller Meets, participation in